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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) FY 2005 (Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)		Docket Number (Optional) 112917.143US2(MER-013 US2)	
Application Number 10/042644-Conf. #7691		Filed January 8, 2002	
For METHODS FOR TREATING AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES IN A SUBJECT AND IN VITRO DIAGNOSTIC ASSAYS			
Art Unit 1646		Examiner G. Chandra	
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):			
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